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County Supervisors

Vaughan to chair board

J. Franklin Vaughan was named chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors at the Board's meeting Friday.

Vaughan, a member of the Board of Supervisors since January, 1980, replaces Dr. S. R. Lawson, who served five terms as chairman of the board.

Vaughan's first meeting as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors was a busy one, with several long-running issues represented on the Friday agenda.

One problem which has been discussed repeatedly at the Supervisors' meetings was again discussed Friday: the lack of funds for road improvements in Appomattox County.

Robert Sumpter, Dept. of Highways and Transportation Civil District Engineer, presented a program for the Board members which charted the dilemma which the state highway system faces.

J. Franklin Vaughan

While highway use has not decreased significantly, the amount of gasoline used by the smaller cars used today has decreased, and with this decrease in gasoline sales has come a decrease in funds for road improvements.

In fiscal year 1981-82, state highway department revenues had reached only $155.6 million through Oct. 31, 1981, according to information provided by Sumpter. This figure accounts for only 29.9 percent of the budgeted revenue for the year.

State representatives, Del. Claude Anderson and Sen. Howard Anderson were on hand at the meeting to hear the county's concern and Sumpter's presentation.

The Board also heard a presentation by Mrs. Pat Hodge, who complained of hunting along roadways in the county.

Mrs. Hodge had circulated a petition in favor of county ordinances prohibiting hunters from carrying loaded weapons in their vehicles. She said such an ordinance would make it easier to enforce the state law prohibiting the discharge of a firearm within 100 yards of a state roadway.

The board members agreed to decide before the February whether to hold a public hearing regarding the matter.

Board members also heared a presentation from representatives of Bahakel Broadcasting, a New York firm interested in purchasing the Appomattox cablevision franchise, and learned that Commonwealth Attorney Sam Kerr is currently working on a hazardous wastes ordinance for Appomattox County.

Cold!

MRS. DOROTHY CORDANI, member of the Appomattox County School Division Safety Patrol, didn't seem to mind the extreme cold on Monday morning of this week. Dressed in a blaze orange jump suit, she was flagging traffic as usual at the Appomattox Elementary School. Although temperatures had dropped to a record low, she was dressed for the occasion. Underneath the jump suit she wore the bottom half of a pair of long johns, two pairs of slacks, a heavy jacket, her husband's socks over her own and a ski cap. Mrs. Cordani has been working as a member of the Safety Patrol for over two years. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Regional Vice President

Britton named to VCDA position

William R. Britton, Jr., Emergency Services Coordinator for Appomattox County and Appomattox Town Manager, has been elected by the Virginia Civil Defense Association as first vice president for Region I.

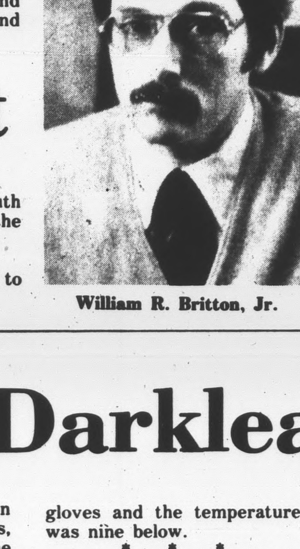
Britton, a native of Charlottesville, came to Appomattox in December of 1976 and began his work here in January of 1977, following a period of service with the Town of Farmville. He has a BS degree in Community Services from Virginia Commonwealth University and has been involved in local government for nine years.

Britton is married to the former Robin Hummer and they reside on Ferguson Avenue, Appomattox.

Virginia Civil Defense Association (VCDA) is an organization of concerned local government officials and others interested in furthering and bettering civil defense and emergency protection for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Any information concerning civil preparedness, emergency reaction should come to Mr. Britton. He is especially interested in those areas that are flood-prone because those areas that have been flooded in the past are required by federal law to have flood insurance if they are to get federal disaster relief in the event of another flood.

As Emergency Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, Britton is especially interested in the education of citizens in the event of an emergency. Pamphlets and booklets are available. For further information contact Mr. Britton at 352-8268.



William R. Britton, Jr.

Lions to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday, January 14 at 6:45 at Maude's Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Charles G. Motley, of Richmond, Youth Exchange Chairman for the State of Virginia.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

FIFTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN Dan Daniel (center) held a constituents' workshop here in Appomattox on Monday of this week. Shown with him are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wooldridge. At these workshops any resident of the Fifth Congressional District who has a problem with a federal agency or who wishes to discuss legislation may see and talk with the Congressman at these times without an appointment. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

First baby is born

Lynn Doss is the proud mother of a baby girl, Mary Nicole Doss, the first Appomattox baby for 1982, born on January 4 at 2:24 a.m. in Appomattox. She weighed eight pounds one ounce, and was nineteen and three quarter inches in length at birth.

Mary Nicole was delivered by Dr. Kenneth Powell and assisted by the newly formed crew of the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad consisting of Dale Franklin, Newton Tolley, Ruby Roach, and Cecil Kidd.

Following her birth Mary Nicole and her mother were transported to the Virginia Baptist Hospital for a brief stay.

Not only does Mary Nicole have the distinction of being the first Appomattox baby for 1982 but she is the first baby Dr. Powell has delivered since beginning the practice of medicine in Appomattox. In addition, she is the first baby delivered by any member of the newly formed crew of Rescue Squad members.

As the first Appomattox baby born in 1982, Mary Nicole was the winner of a variety of prizes and services offered by a host of Appomattox businesses as part of the contest sponsored by the Times-Virginian.

Prizes and services for the winning baby in the 1982 First Baby of The Year Contest were provided by the following businesses: Appomattox Electronics, Inc; The Clothesline; Allen Austin Photography; Farmers National Bank; The Times-Virginian Newspaper; Burger King; Wilbuns Supermarket; The Carpet House; Appomattox Service Station; Appomattox Hardware Co. Inc.; Popes Family Center; Appomattox Rexall Drug Store; Wilkes' Jewelers; Webb Tire Co.; Poe Hardware Co. Inc.; King's Supermarket; Jen's and Cindy's; American Federal Savings and Loan; Fashions R Us; and Lawson Ford Inc.

LYNN DOSS and her brand new daughter, Mary Nicole, are shown being chauffeured home from the hospital in a limousine provided by Lawson Ford as one of the "First Baby of 1982" prizes. [Photo by Allen Austin]

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Current cold weather dominates the news. Even oldtimers are put to it to recall such bitter cold. How cold? Well, the tip of my porch thermometer roosted on zero Monday morning and is up to three as I attempt to loosen up fingers at the typewriter that are nearly frostbitten. Cold spells are very democratic with problems for everyone. Last night closets were searched for extra bed covering. Wind added to the chill factor. Fortunately, most cars started and people have been able to get to work. I have no idea if my car will start, but will give it a try later on in the day. Those with garages are fortunate. And, gee, our volunteer firemen have been on the go. Doubtless there have been frozen water pipes. Ah yes, "If winter comes..." Someone check the statue of the Confederate soldier in the court house square put his hands in his pocket to keep warm. Timely reading would be Robert W. Service's poem, The Cremation of Sam McGee. The tip of the nose and uncovered fingers suffer in cold weather. I understand that body temperature in birds is higher than in humans, but birds at my windowside bird feeder were shivering and dropped more seed than they ate. The smartest ones flew South.

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And how about outdoor sports. Watched a game on TV, in Cincinnati. Players wore ski masks, most had on gloves and the temperature was nine below.

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Those with woodburning stoves have been making trips to the woodpile, to supplement heat from other sources. Foresight paying off.

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The state legislatue is in session. Maybe they will warm up things in Richmond.

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Timely cold weather menu: coffee and hot soup.

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Modern basketball caters to tall players. I have not seen so many "string beans" since my late Dad was tops as a gardener. U. of Va.'s Ralph Sampson is seven feet four, and there are many, many players in the skyscraper class. Incidently, the ACHS boys basketball team is having an excellent year and we wish them well.

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Our new Governor, Chuck Robb, will take office in a few days and we wish him every success as he faces challenging problems. Note: he has invited many guests to an inter-faith religious service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, across from capitol square, Richmond, before the ceremony.

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Good time to place your advertisement in the newspaper. People read more this kind of weather. And thanks to you for reading these remarks. Keep warm, avoid catching cold, and think how nice it will be in "the good old summertime. Seeya around.

Firemen elect officers

At the first meeting of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department, the following officers were elected for 1982: Fire Commissioner, C. R. Wooldridge; Fire Chief, Hugh Mitchell; Assistant Chief, Robert Childress; Secretary, Earl Martin; Treasurer, Bobby Waddell; Equipment Sargeant, Johnny Harris; 1st Lieutenant, Freddy Godsey; 2nd. Lieutenant, James Martin; 3rd. Lieutenant, Donald Martin; 4th Lieutenant, G. H. Jamerson, Jr.; 5th Lieutenant, Fleming Drinkard and 6th Lieutenant, Buddy Green.

Cable discussions

Bahakel reps visit meeting

Representatives from Bahakel Broadcasting and it's Lynchburg subsidiary, Lynchburg Independent Broadcasting, were on hand at the meeting of the Appomattox Town Council on Monday evening to explain just what services Lynchburg Independent Broadcasting would be able to offer Appomattox citizens in the way of dependable, satisfactory, cable television.

Bahakel, owner of radio station WWOD, Lynchburg is interested in purchasing Arco's equipment in addition to its franchise.

Rob Bernstein, attorney representing Bahakel Broadcasting, Inc., had this comment, "Our 17 different radio and television stations have been in broadcasting for approximately 25 years. We have a strong interest in coming into Appomattox and providing better cable television service. We would like to get started right away, but we realize Arco has a number of serious problems. We want to have a system that is not tied up in litigation for years to come. We believe, too, that we are not getting 100 percent cooperation from Arco in trying to get into Appomattox."

For almost a year, Appomattox subscribers to the cable TV services provided by Arco, have been waiting for changes to come that would provide the service they expected to be getting when they became a part of the system.

Month after month, council members have granted Arco time to straighten out the problems plaguing the system here in Appomattox but so far they are unresolved.

Council members voted to advertise proposed amendments to the franchise. They also voted that the cable TV franchise with Arco be revoked at the April 18 meeting and all interested parties be notified.

In other business council voted to have the Department of Highways to take over Welmy Lane for maintenance and upkeep. They also voted to notify adjacent landowners of proposal to close unopened section of Morris Avenue.

Britton noted that those persons who have had frozen pipes from the town system to their homes should have repairs made during the summer months.

Ocie Mack named to extension agent post

Mrs. Ocie M. Mack is the newly assigned agent at the Appomattox County extension office.

She will be working in 4-H and family resources, with young people and adult homemakers.

Mrs. Mack, who has been in extension work for the past 20 years, started her career in Nansemond County, following her graduation from Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

She was transferred from Nanesmond to serve in New Kent and Charles City Counties, where she stayed for seven years. She then went on to graduate school, and then returned to extension work in Henrico County.

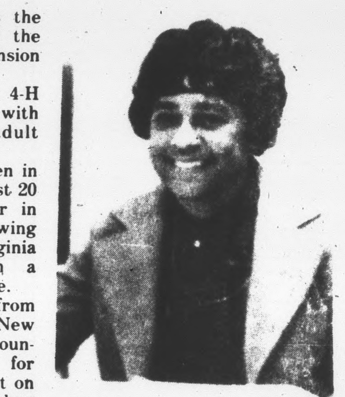
From Henrico, she was transferred to Lynchburg, where she worked as an "area agent" for a year. Then she was assigned to the Lynchburg Extension unit, where she worked for nine and one-half years.

She left Lynchburg to pursue further graduate studies, then worked for a time helping to develop a program for the newly formed Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center.

After five months at this task, she returned to Central Virginia, where she was assigned to the Appomattox Extension unit.

During her years in extension work, Mrs. Mack managed to earn a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland, and do further post-graduate work at VPI.

Mrs. Mack, a native of Henry County who grew up in the City of Portsmouth, is a member of various professional and civic organizations.



Mrs. Ocie Mack

She is a member of the Virginia Home Economics Association and the National Home Economics Association. She is a member also of the Virginia Extension Home Economics Association and the National Extension Home Economics Association. She is also a member of both the Virginia and the National 4-H Agents' Associations. She also belongs to Epsilon Sigma Phi, a professional organization.

Mrs. Mack's civic activities include membership in Delta Sigma Theta sorority, membership in the "Buddies, Inc." organization, and she is a past member of the Altrusa Club of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Mack, who says she is "very pleased" to be back in Central Virginia, will be working in cooperation with other agencies in the county in executing her duties as Extension Agent.

Registration for adult education continues

Registration for second semester adult education classes will start this week. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes that are being offered the second semester by the Appomattox County School Division are requested to register now by calling 352-8253 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by mailing in a registration form. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the Times-Virginian for information concerning classes offered.

"It is very important that persons pre-register for classes", states R. B. Carter, Coordinator of Adult Education. "Pre-registration is used to determine whether enrollment is sufficient to offer a particular class. An enrollment of ten person is required for a class to be offered.

Persons who desire information concerning an adult class are requested to contact the School Board Office by calling 352-8253.

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